

MINUTES

**MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ERNEST BERGSAGEL**, on February 2, 1999
at 8:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Ernest Bergsagel, Chairman (R)
Sen. Tom A. Beck, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. J.D. Lynch (D)
Rep. Matt McCann (D)
Sen. Chuck Swysgood (R)
Rep. Tom Zook (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cassandra Drynan, Committee Secretary
Jane Hamman, OBPP
Pam Joehler, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: **HOUSE BILLS 5 & 14 - LONG
RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM,
2/2/1999**
Executive Action: None

HEARING HB 5 & 14 - LONG RANGE BUILDING PROGRAM

MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Dick Crofts, Commissioner of Higher Education, gave an
introduction to the university system's projects and pointed out

that two projects needed special attention, the library at MSU, Bozeman and the Rural Technology Building U of M, Dillon.

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Mr. Mike Maloney, representing MSU, introduced MSU's proposed projects.

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Mr. Bob Lashaway, Director of Facility Services at MSU, Bozeman, gave a overview of the status of previous MSU projects .

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SEN. BECK asked about a wage rates claim involved in the Tunnels project. **Mr. Tom O'Connell**, Department of Administration, explained the claim.

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Mr. Lashaway continued his presentation. Questions were asked.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked how much the state was paying in maintenance and operation for the Bioscience Facility. **Mr. Lashaway** responded that the state was paying 56% of the O & M. Discussion followed.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked why the universities only spent \$500,000 for code compliance from the last session and why the legislature should give them more than \$500,000 this session. **Mr. Lashaway** responded that there had been some difficulties splitting the money between U of M and MSU and that bidding for the projects had taken a significant amount of time, but that the money was needed and could easily be spent. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Lashaway distributed **EXHIBIT (j1h26a01)**, a list of projects that were appropriated directly to MSU - Bozeman.

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REP. MCCANN asked if the classroom-laboratory facility at MSU - Bozeman was the project that the students were paying extra fees to fund and wanted to know how much they were paying per semester. **Mr. Jake Ankeny**, representing MSU, responded.

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Discussion: Concerning operation and maintenance costs for university buildings.

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Mr. Lashaway distributed and gave an overview of **EXHIBIT (j1h26a02)**, a list of MSU's proposed projects. Questions were asked. **Mr. Lashaway** asked the committee to consider an \$85,000 increase for the Roof Replacement project so as to include the roof replacement at Cowen Hall. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked how much of the \$486,000 for the Cowan Hall Deferred Maintenance project would be going to planning.

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Mr. Maloney spoke about the Renne Library Maintenance and Renovation.

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Mr. Bruce Morton, Dean of Libraries, distributed **EXHIBIT (j1h26a03)** and gave a short overview of the Renne Library project. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Chip Lippert, student senator at MSU, spoke in support of the Renne Library project.

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REP. ZOOK asked if the students would be assessed a fee for this renovation. **Mr. Lippert** responded that no they would not.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked why the third floor had not been opened up to the students as a group study area. **Mr. Morton** responded that it was due to code and security issues. **Mr. Lashaway** explained the code issues. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked how long the renovation would take. Questions were asked.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if this was a good investment. **REP. MCCANN** asked for a breakdown of the costs for the project. **Mr. O'Connell** responded that it was a good investment and that he would get a breakdown of the costs for the committee. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Lashaway distributed **EXHIBIT (j1h26a04)**, a Board of Regents/Governor's priority listing for the Long Range Building program and cost projections for each project, and summed up his presentation.

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Mr. Ankeny spoke about the Banner 2000 system and stated that the students supported the decision to go with this system instead of the Mont Prime system. He then asked that the legislature

appropriate funds to supplement the student fees that are currently being used to pay for the Banner 2000 system. Questions were asked.

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Discussion: Concerning the Banner and Mont Prime systems.

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UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Mr. George Dennison, President - U of M, made introductions and called attention to item #7 in **EXHIBIT 4**, stating that the \$6,000,000 for the repair/replacement of the lab and classroom interiors was for all U of M campuses and that they weren't asking for an addition to the project, just the legislature's approval.

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Mr. Hugh Jesse, Director of Facility Services, went over prior U of M projects and discussed their current status. Questions were asked.

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SEN. LYNCH asked about the project to repair an elevator in the Liberal Arts building and why it was listed twice, under two separate requests. **Mr. O'Connell** responded.

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Mr. Jesse continued his presentation. Discussion followed concerning reverting unspent funds and the meaning of "authority only" projects. It was explained to the committee that if the legislature didn't approve a project, the Governor could override the decision only if the project was funded completely with private or federal funds.

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Mr. Jesse went over **EXHIBIT (j1h26a05)** explaining projects from the 53rd, 54th and 55th legislative sessions, funds that could be reverted and those which they would like to have re-authorized. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Jesse went over U of M's current projects in **EXHIBIT 4**.

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Mr. Gilmore, Chancellor at Montana Tech, spoke on behalf of the Heating Plant/Steam Distribution Repair/Upgrade. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Jesse explained that some of the \$280,000 allocated for this project would be going to address the fume exhaust system at the Butte College of Technology and that they were going to be about \$175,000 short. Questions were asked.

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Mr. Jesse spoke about the Repair/Replace Heating Plant/Utility Tunnels project. **CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL** asked why the match for this project was not a 60-40 match like it was at Bozeman. **Mr. Jesse and Mr. O'Connell** responded.

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Mr. Jesse went over the Boiler Controls Replacement project and asked the committee to consider changing the numbers for this project from \$125,000 in LRBP funds and \$100,000 in other funds to \$146,000 and \$79,000 respectively.

REP. ZOOK asked why there were consultant fees for this project.

REP. MCCANN asked what "auxiliary funds" meant. **SEN. BECK** asked if auxiliary funds meant student fees. **SEN. LYNCH** asked why they couldn't use their own people as consultants.

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Discussion: Concerning auxiliary funds and what would happen to these projects if they could not come up with the auxiliary funding.

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Mr. Jesse introduced the Repair/Replace - Interior - Labs and Classrooms project.

Mr. Barrett Kaiser, President of the Associated Students at U of M, explained the project, the students' viewpoint on the fees they assessed themselves and their request for matching funds from the legislature. He distributed **EXHIBIT (j1h26a06)**, a school newspaper article.

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SEN. LYNCH asked if all the U of M campuses were guaranteed to get back the money they paid in student fees, or if the money went into one big pot and was perhaps distributed unfairly. **Mr. Dennison** responded. Questions were asked. Discussion followed.

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REP. MCCANN asked how much they had asked for last session. **Mr. Dennison** responded that they had asked for \$7,000,000, that they did not receive, and were asking for \$7,000,000 this session. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Jesse continued his presentation. Questions were asked.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked how much U of M would save in insurance if they installed sprinklers in the Mansfield Library. Discussion followed.

SEN. LYNCH asked why the Board of Regents was recommending \$15,000,000 for the Governor's priority #4 project. Discussion followed.

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REP. MCCANN asked if it was going to take \$350,000 for the installation of the sprinkler system on one floor at the Mansfield Library.

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Mr. Jesse continued his presentation. Questions were asked.

CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked what the deferred maintenance was on the Rural Technology Center at Western. **REP. ZOOK** asked if the university had any recourse for the failed humidity system that was previously installed in the Mansfield Library. Discussion followed concerning Governor's priority # 15, Auto Bridge Replacement, and whether it was a construction or study project.

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Mr. Jesse concluded his presentation with the authority only projects, Governor's priorities #23 -#28, for general spending authority. The committee asked how the university expected to raise the funds for these projects and for an estimate of the operation and maintenance costs the state would be expected to pay. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Donald Christian, Associate Dean of the Division of Biological Sciences, distributed **EXHIBIT(jlh26a07)** and **EXHIBIT(jlh26a08)**. He then spoke about the need for an addition to the Life Sciences Building, and how it would boost the economy.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked if research being done at the university would benefit the citizens of Montana and how. Discussion followed.

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REP. MCCANN asked what the catalyst was in the growth of the university's external grants. **Mr. Christian** responded that better facilities and increasing student numbers allowed for an increase in grant funds. Discussion followed.

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Mr. Jesse introduced the U of M's last project, New Construction at the Rural Technology Center at WMC.

Ms. Sheila Stearns, Chancellor of Western Montana College at Dillon, distributed **EXHIBIT (j1h26a09)** - a map of the Western Montana College campus. She then gave a short presentation on the New construction project at the Rural Technology Center.

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Mr. Michael Shultz, Library Director at WMC, explained why the university needed to upgrade their technology and answered questions. **EXHIBIT (j1h26a10)**, a Technology Center description, was distributed.

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CHAIRMAN BERGSAGEL asked how much operational money they would require if they built the Technology Center. **Ms. Stearns** responded that they would need \$210,000. Discussion followed concerning how the Technology Center would help the students at WMC. **Ms. Stearns** explained that an amendment was needed to adjust the numbers for the request as they had received a grant for the project and did not require as much money from the legislature.

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Mr. Matt Faure, Fullerton Architects, and **Ms. Stearns** explained the floor plans for the project in **EXHIBIT 10**. Questions were asked.

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SEN. SWYSGOOD spoke in support of the project at WMC.

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MONTANA UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS - CLOSED

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 12:00 P.M.

REP. ERNEST BERGSAGEL, Chairman

CASSANDRA DRYNAN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (j1h26aad)